Treatment Plants and Low Cost Sanitation. Under the Ganga Action Plan-(GAP) Phase I & II, 1747 mld. (million litres per day) of sewage treatment capacity has been created so far. With the pollution abatement works completed so far under Ganga Action Plan, the water quality of the river Ganga has shown discernible improvement at major locations over its pre-GAP quality as per the water quality monitoring undertaken by independent reputed institutions in the country. The National Environment Policy, 2006 also advocates an integrated approach for management of river basins by the concerned river authorities, ensuring maintenance of adequate flows, adherence to water quality standards throughout their course in all seasons and protection of land resources.

Aid by the United Nations for plantation of trees

486. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large amount of aid has been received each year from the U.N. and other institutes for plantation of trees in the country to check the global warming;

(b) if so, the total amount which has been received and utilized during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some States have not adequately utilized the funds; and

(d) if so, the steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No aid has been received by Government of India from the UN and other institutes for plantation of trees in the country to check the global warming.

(b) to (d) Do not arise

Lack of intelligence network in Gir and surrounding areas

487. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Gujarat forest officials hardly have any intelligence network in Gir and surrounding areas where lion carcasses have been found in April, 07;

(b) if so, the reasons for the forest officials who did not take preventive measures when specific information was given by the local (Bhanderiya) villagers regarding the suspects who where set free, and later on, these suspects were found to be involved in poaching activities; and

(c) the number of Gir lions which have been poached during the years 2005 and 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) As per the information received from

the State Government, the Gujarat Forest Department is in touch with the local villagers in Gir and surrounding areas. On getting information, the suspects were questioned and the culprits nabbed on the next day.

(c) The number of lions poached in the years 2005 and 2006 are as under:

Year	Number of lions poached
2005	2
2006	

Lack of medical staff in sanctuaries/parks

488. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of veterinary staff in each wildlife sanctuary/park in the country;

(b) whether the strength of medical staff is not commensurate with the animals in sanctuaries/parks;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, sanctuary/park-wise; and

(d) the remedial measures proposed/taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The details are at enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(b) to (d) Some of the important Protected Areas in the country are having dedicated veterinary staff. In some States, veterinary staff is deployed in Zoos and also with the Forest Departments at the State level for looking [illegible] of wildlife sector in the State. Similarly, the assistance of the veterinary staff of the State Animal Husbandry Departments is also utilized as and when required. The requirements in the wildlife sector in the country with respect to veterinary care are met in this manner.

Statement

Strength of veterinary staff in wildlife sanctuaries, National Parks in the country

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Name of National Parks/Sanctuaries	Details of Veterinary Staff
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh		Nil
2	Andaman & Nicobar Islands		One Senior Veterinary Officer and ten Veterinary Compounders with the Department to look after Departmental elephants and zoo animals.